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Dear DOJ,

From time to time, I hate Microsoft and its product.

At all times I hate this antitrust effort. It is unnecessary. Costly. Hypocritical. History is replete with antitrust prosecutions that have wreaked nothing but havok. Doing something to end a government-granted monopoly is one thing. Attacking the most successful company of our day is another. They got to the top by offering what the public wanted. We paid them all the way.

Let those who have the skills and honest desire punish Mr. Gates and company in the market place. There are many out there. If Microsoft lets down even for a minute, they will suffer ? alternatives abound, as the Apple, Linux, and AOL-Netscape-Lindows possibilities show.

In the end, it is not Microsoft that beat AOL, Sun, Apple and the rest of them ? it was I and other consumers who chose a cheap, relatively reliable, available standard in computing. The rest remind me of Carl Marx ? riding on the coattails of their betters and trying to bite the hand that has enabled them to feed themselves. It's disgusting, and you should find something more constructive to do with my tax dollars.

Best regards,
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